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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Shipment of Special TSS Items [REDACTED]

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1. Prior to your departure for Europe in early August you directed me to arrange for shipment of special TSS items for storage [REDACTED] All kinds of difficulties have been encountered on this matter resulting in an inexcusable lapse of time between your directive and the actual date of shipment. This delay resulted from mistakes and failure to send out complete information on our part and seemingly from a dragging of feet and delaying tactics over there because of a reluctance to have this type of material stored in their area.

2. In late October it appeared that the only way compliance with your directive of early August could be obtained was to have you release a cable to [REDACTED] expressing your concern over the matter and requesting that he give it his personal attention. You released such a cable on 20 October 1953. At that time, however, a dispatch had been received by the Eastern European Division from [REDACTED] advising that the items could be received on or about 15 November 1953. This dispatch was not forwarded to the Chief of Administration, Office of the Deputy Director (Plans), the Chief of Logistics, or myself and as a result the cable which should have been stopped was released.

3. At my insistence the Eastern European Division and the Logistics Office endeavored to expedite shipment of these items. Since earlier cables requesting additional information had mentioned 15 October and 1 November as possible receipt dates and as the dispatch advised "on or about 15 November" that date was interpreted fairly liberally by the Logistics Office and the Eastern European Division. This interpretation was an error and [REDACTED] should have been consulted and an exact shipping date agreed upon.

4. We have certainly made some mistakes here in this matter but it is difficult for me to understand why it should take the [REDACTED] more than three months to arrange for storage space which would be less than that contained in [REDACTED] office.

5. Recommend your signature on the attached cable to [REDACTED]

L. K. WHITE
Acting Deputy Director
(Administration)

1 Attachment
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